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SUBJ: AMBASSADOR'S INITIATIVES ON TURKISH MEMBERSHIP
IN COE AND TURKISH-ISRAELI RELATIONS

REF: A) STATE 24871, B) 83 ANKARA 11006
- C) ANKARA 849, D) ANKARA 682
- E) ANKARA 678, F) 83 ANKARA 11385

1. ~~SECRET~~ ENTIRE TEXT.

2. ON THE EVE OF THE JAN 30 MEETING OF THE COE PARLIAM-
MENTARY ASSEMBLY IN STRASBOURG I WOULD LIKE TO
RECAPITULATE MY EFFORTS TO, ON THE ONE HAND, ENHANCE
THE PROSPECTS FOR ACCEPTANCE BY THE ASSEMBLY OF THE
PARLIAMMENTARY DELEGATION WHICH THE GOT IS APPARENTLY
DETERMINED TO SEND TO THAT MEETING; WHILE ON THE OTHER,
ENLISTING ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR THE GOT POSITION AT THE
PARLIAMMENTARY ASSEMBLY, THUS LAYING THE GROUNDWORK FOR
AN IMPROVEMENT IN TURKISH-ISRAELI RELATIONS WHICH, WE
HOPE, WILL HAVE A POSITIVE INFLUENCE ON GOT ATTITUDES
TOWARD U.S.-ISRAELI COOPERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST
(SEE REF A).

3. CHIEF AMONG MY EFFORTS IN SUPPORT OF THE GOT AT
THE PARLIAMMENTARY ASSEMBLY WERE MY SUGGESTIONS, THAT:

-- (1) EUROPEAN POSTS BE INSTRUCTED TO MAKE DEMARCHES
TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HOST GOVERNMENTS, AND THEIR PARLIA-
MENTARY REPRESENTATIVES, ENCOURAGING THEM TO LEND THEIR
SUPPORT TO THE SEATING OF THE TURKISH DELEGATION; AND

-- (2) THE U.S.G. ENCOURAGE ISRAEL TO INSTRUCT
ITS EUROPEAN MISSIONS AND ITS MISSION TO THE COE PARLIA-
MENTARY ASSEMBLY TO DO LIKEWISE. THE LATTER SUGGESTION,
SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED AND CARRIED OUT BY THE ISRAELI
GOVERNMENT, WAS ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED IN MY DISCUSSIONS
WITH THE ISRAELI CHARGE IN ANKARA.

4. IN SUPPORT OF THESE SUGGESTIONS, I HAVE PROVIDED
THE COGENT REASONS WHY OUR EUROPEAN FRIENDS SHOULD
ACCEPT THE TURKISH DELEGATION AND THUS AVOID A RUPTURE
IN RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND EUROPE.

5. AN IMPORTANT BY-PRODUCT OF MY SUGGESTION TO ENLIST

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ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR TURKEY, WE HOPE, WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN TURKEY AND ISRAEL, WHICH, IN TURN, CAN LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR ISRAELI SUPPORT FOR TURKISH INTERESTS IN THE U.S. CONGRESS AND A MORE FAVORABLE ATTITUDE OF THE GOT TOWARD U.S.-ISRAELI COOPERATION IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

6. I AM CONVINCED THAT THESE INITIATIVES SERVE VITAL LONG-TERM U.S. INTERESTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST. THE OUTCOME OF THESE EFFORTS IN STRASBOURG IS STILL VERY MUCH IN DOUBT. REGARDLESS OF THE OUTCOME AT STRASBOURG I BELIEVE OUR EFFORTS WILL STAND US IN GOOD STEAD IN OUR FUTURE DEALINGS WITH THE GOT ON A VARIETY OF VITAL U.S. INTERESTS.

7. I HAVE REPEATEDLY RAISED THE QUESTION OF TURKEY'S RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL ON VARIOUS LEVELS. AS I REPORTED TO WASHINGTON, I ELICITED FROM MR. OZAL A STATEMENT THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE IN TURKEY'S RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL EVEN BEFORE HE TOOK OFFICE AS PRIME MINISTER. CODEL LANTOS AS A RESULT OF BRIEFINGS THEY RECEIVED HERE, STRESSED IN OTHER MEETINGS WITH GOT OFFICIALS THE IMPORTANCE OF TURKEY'S RECOGNITION OF ISRAEL IN AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLITICS. I HAVE ALSO RAISED THIS ISSUE IN MY MEETINGS WITH GENERAL GUNERAL.

8. THIS MESSAGE WAS PERSONALLY PREPARED BY AMBASSADOR STRAUSSZ-HUPE BEFORE HIS DEPARTURE. PEREZ
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